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The following is a translation of a propaganda pamphlet distributed in Albania in June 1951 by Albanian emigres in Yugoslavia. As the emigres have been organized into a series of refugee committees, apparently under the supervision of Dusan Mugosa, war-time organizer of guerrilla bands in Albania, this document is presumed to be indicative of Yugoslav policy vis-a-vis Albania. Particularly to be noted is the effort to discredit Enver Hoxha and Mehmet Shehu by identifying them as merely the leaders of a clique within the Albanian Workers' Party, a party which does not truly represent the interests of the Albanian Communists or of the Albanian nation as a whole.

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1. "Dark clouds full of menace and of ill-fortune hang over the destiny of the Albanian people. Albania, even though small, has recently become a focal point of war and of diverse foreign interests, and the Albanian people, who won their liberty in World War II, are threatened by a grave peril. The treachery of the government of Enver Hoxha, which sold Albania's independence to the Soviet Union, has imperiled the existence of Albania as a nation, and has menaced the honor, the virtue, and the property of the Albanian people.
2. "The government of Enver Hoxha wickedly betrayed our country and its independence, for which the legendary descendants of Skanderbeg have fought bravely for centuries, and for which tens of thousands of the finest patriots gave their lives during the national war of liberation against the fascist occupiers and their servitors. More than 3000 "experts" from the Soviet Union bear down upon our people, thanks to the treacherous policy of the present government. With the help of Mehmet Shehu's police, they control the entire internal life of our country.
3. "The Soviet "experts" hold the key positions of the Albanian Army, and their destructive work and espionage keep our people divided, force them to work against their own best interests, and make use of them for their own shady ends in the Balkans.
4. "The Soviet "experts" control the major part of the Albanian economy through the so-called "mixed companies".¹ Thus, our aspirations for the building of a free, independent, progressive, and socialist Albania are not realized; the Albanian economy is not run in the interest of the Albanian people, but to suit the needs of the

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5. "Thanks to such an economic policy, our people lack even those things which could be plentiful in their country. This anti-national policy constrains our people to eat less in order that the Soviet 'experts' may receive fantastic compensation--salaries many times higher than those paid our own functionaries.
6. "It is thus that after a short period of treachery by Enver Hoxha and other venal persons, we have lost the liberty for which we paid so dearly. Today our people have been deprived of liberty, their authority has been removed; therefore, there remains nothing for them to do but to fight again for liberty and independence, for their popular democratic power; to fight for their rights in order that their life internally be better regulated.
7. "The government of Enver Hoxha, pursuant to the orders of the USSR, has done everything to leave our people undefended against the fight for liberty and independence (sic): it has broken all relations with the only sincere friend of the Albanian people, with the Federated Popular Republics of Yugoslavia, with the peoples of Yugoslavia who fought side by side during the last war against our common enemies and who aided us fraternally both during and after the war.
8. "By depending upon the Soviet Union, the government of Enver Hoxha has isolated Albania and placed it in the greatest peril. The Soviet government, which has subjected Albania to its own interests and deprived Albania of economic and political independence, has not assumed any obligations towards Albania in any international treaty.
9. "Even though it is well-known that the pacts which the Soviet Union makes have no more value than the paper on which they are written, Albania is nevertheless the only country dominated by the USSR which is not bound to it by a treaty of friendship, much less by a treaty of mutual aid. That this is so is no accident, but conforms fully to the imperialistic policy practiced by the Soviet government wherever possible, a policy of division of spheres of interest, of compulsion, and of trafficking with the other imperialists in the fate of small countries.
10. "The government of Enver Hoxha, by its policies, has made it possible for reactionary emigre elements who collaborated with the fascist occupiers to attempt, with the help of reactionary circles of foreign states, to sell out Albania and return to power, just as they did in the past by selling out the interests of our people.

PEOPLE OF ALBANIA!

11. "Our country has never before been in a situation as difficult as that of today. This fact has forced us to address you in this manner.
12. "We, Albanian political emigres, who love above all the independence and honor of our people, for which reason we were forced to leave our country and to seek asylum in friendly, socialist Yugoslavia, learn with sorrow the news of the unheard-of terror imposed upon you, upon our brothers and sisters, our fathers and mothers, upon the entire people of Albania.
13. "We here are firmly convinced that the peoples of Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Communist Party, and Comrade Tito remain, as before, the greatest friends of our people, since they wish to live, above all, with us in fraternity and friendship and favor A TRULY FREE, INDEPENDENT, INDIVISIBLE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA.
14. "Even though we have been forced to leave our country temporarily, we are continuing the fight against the treachery of Enver Hoxha. We are well aware that the common fight of the entire Albanian people should ensure that which is vital to us all: A FREE DEMOCRATIC ALBANIA, A REPUBLIC INDEPENDENT AND INDIVISIBLE. We are convinced that any honest Albanian has a place in the front lines in the battle

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for the liberty and independence of the Albanian people. We therefore address ourselves to every honest Albanian, whether in the cities or in the villages, asking that he join in this struggle, because such is the only road to salvation for our small people. We know that in following this course the Albanian people will have, as always before, the assistance and sympathy of the brother peoples of Yugoslavia.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

15. "It makes us happy that you, in such a difficult situation, have not yielded spiritually, that you are still as in the past ready to fight for a truly free republic, for an independent democratic Albania. We know that the government of Enver Hoxha persecutes you terribly because of your opposition to it. We know that in Albania there are prisons and concentration camps in greater numbers now than during the fascist occupation. The crimes which are committed at Tepelene, Berat, and Himare against the families of Lume and Mirdita, of Puke and Hase, the crimes in Valias against 800 rebel families, lovers of liberty, have been heard from afar, even beyond the borders of our country. The outrageous special expeditions of Mehmet Shehu in no respect differ from those of the fascist occupation. All this is a sign of the weakness and madness of the present rulers who rage against their own people. The most recent acts of the government of the traitor, Enver—the proclamation of a state of siege and the famous decree of 26 February of this year—indicate eloquently the readiness of Enver and of the other traitors to serve the foreigner in attempting the physical annihilation of our people. We are with you in the struggle against the treachery of the present rulers of Albania, in the struggle for an independent republic, a free Albania, indivisible and democratic. With our common forces, let us continue the fight until victory in order to realize again the ideals which we pursued in the national war of liberation. Let us unite all our forces in this fight, and let us not permit our struggle against the treachery and terror and of the government of Enver to be used to its own profit by the reactionary servitors of the fascist occupiers abroad.

ALBANIAN COMMUNISTS!

16. "Especially do we address you, the organizers of our people's national war of liberation, who by your courage and love for your people served as an example to other patriots in the national war of liberation.
17. "You bear the major responsibility for the destiny of Albania and of our people. Do not permit Enver Hoxha and the other traitors to realize their diabolical plan. Fight for a truly free republic, for an independent and democratic Albania. A settling of accounts for the methods used by the Enver Hoxha and Mehmet Shehu clique within the Party to enter further into the good graces of the NKVD is a serious peril to every true Communist (sic).
18. "Learn the many lessons to be drawn from the examples of Koci Xoxe, Njazi Islami, and other leading heroic fighters, and discover the best way to continue the struggle for the good of our people. Do not let yourself become cut off from the people, who are fighting against betrayal and terror without equal. Keep in mind that on your steadfastness and your capacity for guiding the revolutionary movement of our people—which is developing an ever greater intensity against the betrayal and terror of the clique of Enver—depends the success not only of the struggle against the present rulers but also against the shady plans being laid against us by the various reactionary emigres, ex-servitors of the fascist occupiers who now live abroad.

LONG LIVE THE TRULY FREE REPUBLIC, AN ALBANIA INDEPENDENT, INDIVISIBLE, AND DEMOCRATIC!

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LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BETRAYAL
AND TERROR OF ENVER'S CLIQUE!

LONG LIVE THE UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP OF THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE WITH THE PEOPLES OF
YUGOSLAVIA!

(Signed) The Union of Albanian Political Exiles
Fighting for an Independent, Indivisible
Albanian Republic."

1 [REDACTED] Comment: Soviet companies such as SOJUSNEFT and SOVRAGHT, which,
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in actuality are set up to control satellite industry and trade.

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